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COST OF PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any assessment of the cost of production of wheat, paddy, sugarcane and cotton in the country;

(b) if so, the details of average cost of production of the said products in the country during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(c) the names of States which had maximum and minimum cost of production of the said products during the above mentioned years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, through implementation of `Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in India`, collects data on cost of cultivation and generates per hectare cost of cultivation and per quintal cost of production of the principal crops on regular basis. Under the Study, the cost of production of Paddy, Wheat, Sugarcane and cotton have been assessed.

(b): Based on the cost estimates of the crops for the previous years provided by Directorate of Economics and Statistics, the cost of production of the crops for the years 2001-2002 and 2002-03 as has been projected by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices are given as follows:-

S.No. Name of the Crops Cost of Production (Rs./Quintal)

		2001-2002#	2002-2003
1	Wheat	478.92	483.27
2	Paddy	471.71	505.16
3	Sugarcane	52.44	57.89
4	Cotton	1837.85	1775.04

= Projected.

(c): The names of the States having the maximum and minimum cost of production during the years 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as follows:-

Name of the Crops 2001-02#	States with Maximum cost of production	States with Minimum cost of production
Wheat	Himachal Pradesh	Haryana
Paddy	Kerala	Uttar Pradesh
Sugarcane	Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka
Cotton	Punjab	Gujarat

Name of the Crops 2002-03#

	States with Maximum cost of production	States with Minimum cost of production
Wheat	Madhya Pradesh	Punjab
Paddy	Kerala	Uttar Pradesh
Sugarcane	Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka
Cotton	Madhya Pradesh	Gujarat

= Projected.